Managers, with a copy to the Zonal Manager, FCI, Kolkata requesting for selection of suitable lands for the construction of godowns including at Coochbehar for 10,000 MTs. However, no specific proposal has been received by FCI Headquarters in this regard so far.

Dues of sugarcane farmers against sugar mills in Uttaranchal

†1972. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a huge amount of money of the farmers is due against the sugar mills in Uttaranchal;

(b) if so, the amount of farmers due against these mills;

(c) whether there is any proposal to give assistance to the State Governments and mills through a package from the Sugar Development Fund for the payment of dues to the farmers of some States including Uttaranchal and Uttar Pradesh; and

(d) if so, when and how much assistance would be made available to Uttaranchal and Uttar Pradesh from the said fund for the payment of dues to the farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD): (a) to (d) The amount of cane price dues payable by sugar mills in Uttaranchal was about Rs. 170.43 crores (as on 30th June, 2003).

2. There is no proposal under consideration, at present, to extend assistance in this regard from the Sugar Development Fund.

Rehabilitation of Super Bazar

†1973. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI:
DR. ABRAR AHMED:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering the rehabilitation and opening of Super Bazar lying closed for the last two years, especially in Delhi;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of financial assistance being given by Government for its rehabilitation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Foodgrain subsidy

1974. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) what are the areas for which subsidies are given under foodgrain subsidy; and

(b) how much of the subsidies reaches to the poor and the number of people benefited?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) Foodgrains subsidy is provided under the following heads:—

(i) *Consumer Subsidy*—to meet the difference between the economic cost and Central Issue Price for foodgrains distributed under the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) and other welfare schemes, and realization from sales in case of other schemes; and

(ii) *Buffer subsidy*—to meet the expenditure incurred by the Food Corporation of India (freight, interest, storage charges etc.) on maintaining buffer stocks of foodgrains for the food security of the country.

(b) The amounts due as subsidy are released to the FCI and the State Governments who have opted for the Decentralised Procurement Scheme on the basis of the quantity of foodgrains actually released for